REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:
Joey Manahan, Chair; Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair;
Ikaika Anderson, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held March 8, 2017

Honorable Ron Menor Chair, City Council City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Bill 3 (2017), CD1 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION SURCHARGE,"

which passed second reading and a public hearing held at the February 22, 2017 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the ordinances pertaining to the county surcharge on general excise and use taxes.

The Interim Executive Director and CEO of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, Krishniah Murthy, testified in support of Bill 3 (2017), CD1. Mr. Murthy also stated that the City must match the G.E.T extension date in accordance with the Hawaii State Legislature in response to a question by Vice Committee Chair, Brandon Elefante.

The Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, Nelson Koyanagi, was in attendance to answer questions.

The Deputy Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, Gary Kurokawa, was also in attendance to answer questions.

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During the discussion, Director Koyanagi provided answers to the committee members' inquiry regarding funding the rail project with the City's carry-over funds. According to Director Koyanagi, most of the carry-over funds are restricted funds and the majority of the carry-over comes from the sewer fund. In addition, the current city ordinance restricts the use of City funds to fund the construction of the project.

The following individuals testified:

- 1. Roy Nakamura, Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association (oppose)
- 2. Elaine Kam, Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association (oppose)
- 3. Calvin Hulihee, Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association (oppose)
- 4. Moses Napihaa, Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association (oppose)
- 5. Rod Tam, Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association (oppose)
- 6. Barbara Hudman, Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association (oppose)
- 7. De Mont Connor, Hoomana Pono LLC (support)
- 8. Barbara Armatrout, (support)
- 9. Bessie Frietas-Pregana, Hoomana Pono, LLC (support)
- 10. Rachel Kailanu, Hoomana Pono, LLC (support)
- 11. Katherine Kupukaa (oppose)
- 12. Norman Bruckman (comments)

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Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 3 (2017), CD1 and recommends that it pass third reading. (Ayes: Manahan, Anderson, Elefante, Pine – 4; Ayes with reservations: None; Noes: None)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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